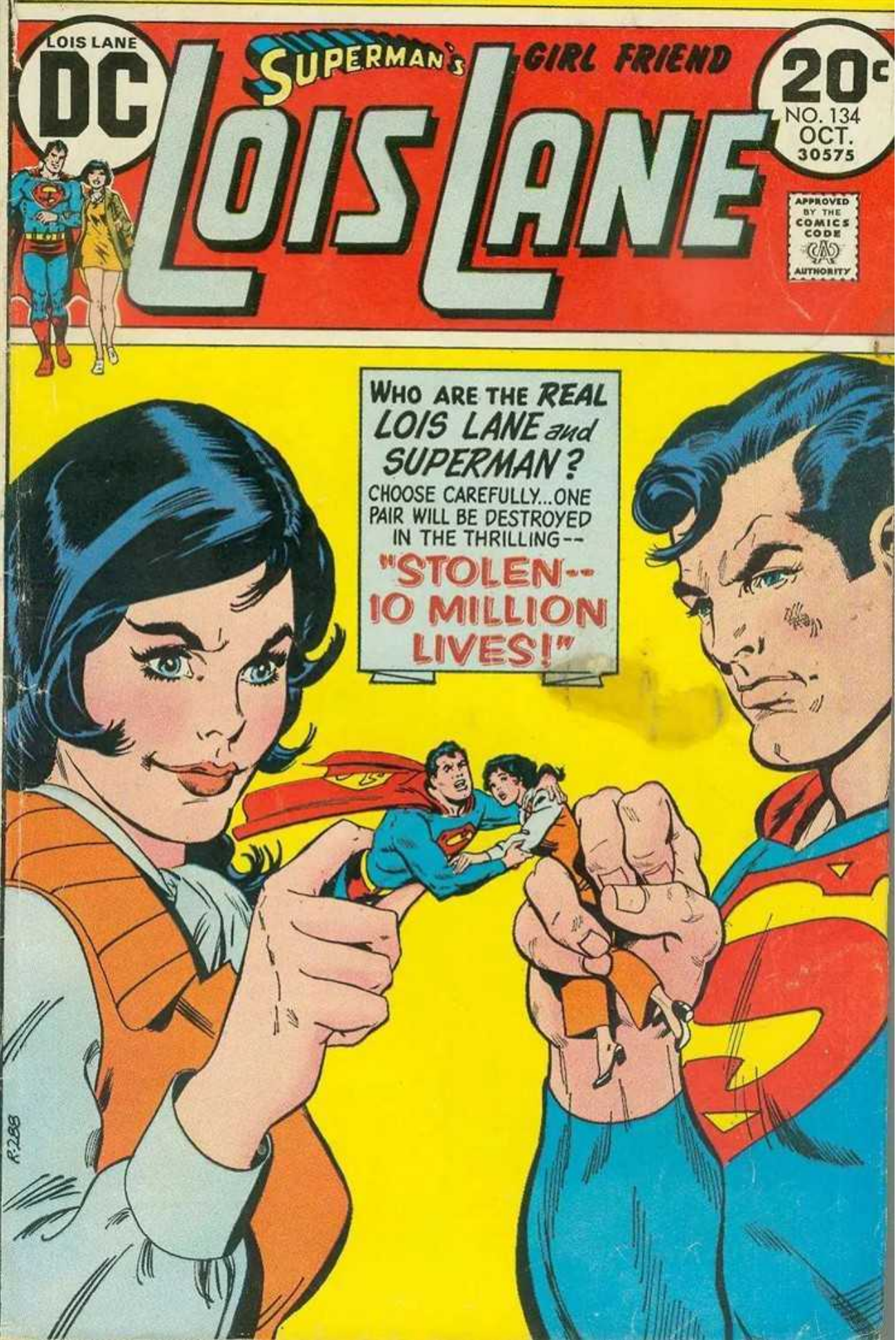
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STOLEN: 10,000,000 LIVES!
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WOW!--A PLANT THAT STAYS ALIVE BY FEEDING ON ITSELF!
WHILE YOU'RE BUSY TAKING NOTES...I'LL CHECK MY EMERGENCY-MONITORS AS LONG AS I'M HERE!
RIGHT! I'LL SING OUT IF I NEED YOU!
BUT, AFTER SUPERMAN LEAVES, THE BEAUTIFUL REPORTER IS INEXPLICABLY DRAWN TO ANOTHER TROPHY, THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL...
STRANGE...SOMETHING IS COMPELLING ME TO APPROACH THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR...!
KANDOR--ONCE THE CAPITAL CITY OF SUPERMAN'S HOME PLANET KRYPTON--IT WAS WRENCHED FROM THE DOOMED WORLD AND SHRUNKEN TO MINIATURE SIZE BY THE VILLAINOUS BRAINIAC!

OHHHH... I FEEL LIKE SOME SORT OF ENERGY FORCE IS SHOOTING INTO MY BRAIN--!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FORTRESS--A BLARING SOUND FILLS THE AIR...
BUZZZZ
GREAT KRYPTON! IT'S THE BOTTLE-THEFT ALARM!
SOMEONE IS STEALING THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR!
FRANTICALLY, A MERE HEARTBEAT LATER...
THE BOTTLE CITY'S GONE--WITHOUT A TRACE!
AND NO SIGN OF LOIS!
DESPERATELY, SUPERMAN RESORTS TO HIS SUPER-SPEED AND SUPER-VISION FOR A THOROUGH SEARCH...
CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THEY COULDN'T BE HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THE FORTRESS, OR MY X-RAY VISION WOULD REVEAL THEM!
I'M LEFT WITH NOTHING TO GO ON...
NOT EVEN A MOLECULE OF A CLUE!
UNTIL...
A NOTE--RESTING BEHIND THE BOTTLE'S STAND! I OVERLOOKED THE MOST OBVIOUS PLACE OF ALL!
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EVERY WORD SUPERMAN READS SEARS HIS HEART...
Superman—
I've stolen Kandor from you! Don't bother searching Earth for the bottle—I'm hiding it somewhere where you'll never find it!
"Your Lois Lane"
NO! IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
LOIS WOULDN'T DO SUCH AN UNTHINKABLE DEED!
BUT THAT IS HER HAND-WRITING...!
THE TINY PEOPLE OF KANDOR ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF MY LOST RACE...
MY LAST LINK WITH KRYPTON... AND LOIS HAS STOLEN THEM!
STOLEN 10 MILLION LIVES!
HAD SUPERMAN EXAMINED THE ALIEN SWALLOWING STALK A BIT MORE CLOSELY, HE MIGHT HAVE SPOTTED THE TRACES OF OVERTURNED SOIL AT ITS BASE...
AND HE WOULD DISCOVER THAT HIS PRICELESS BOTTLE-CITY WAS TAKEN AWAY VIA A CONCEALED UNDER-GROUND TUNNEL UNDER THE SPACE-TROPHY...
...A TUNNEL BURROWED BY NONE OTHEN THAN...
...A SUPER-POWERED LOIS LANE!
HA HA!..WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN THE LOOK ON THAT SUPER-FOOL'S FACE WHEN HE DISCOVERED KANDOR WAS MISSING!
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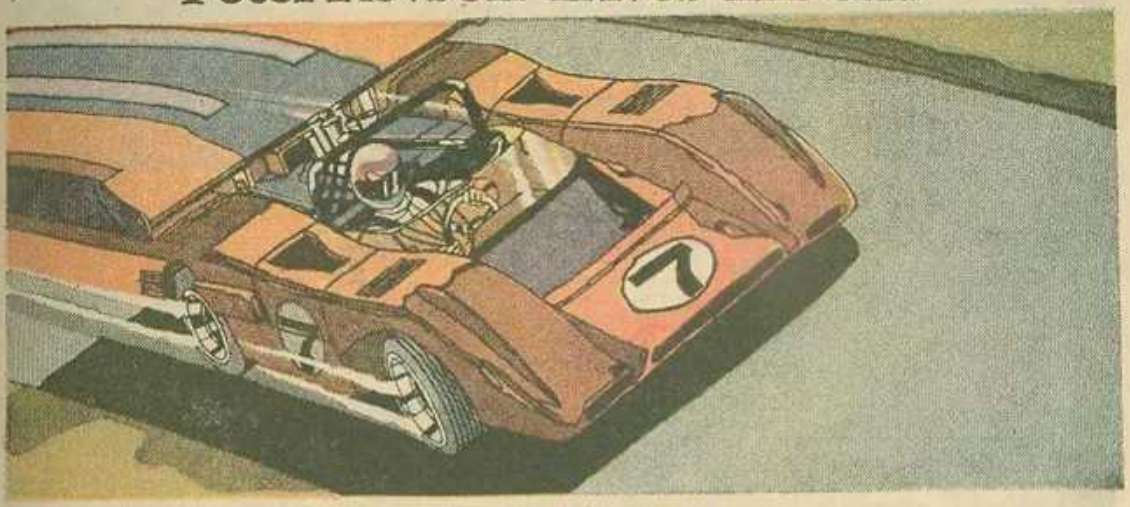

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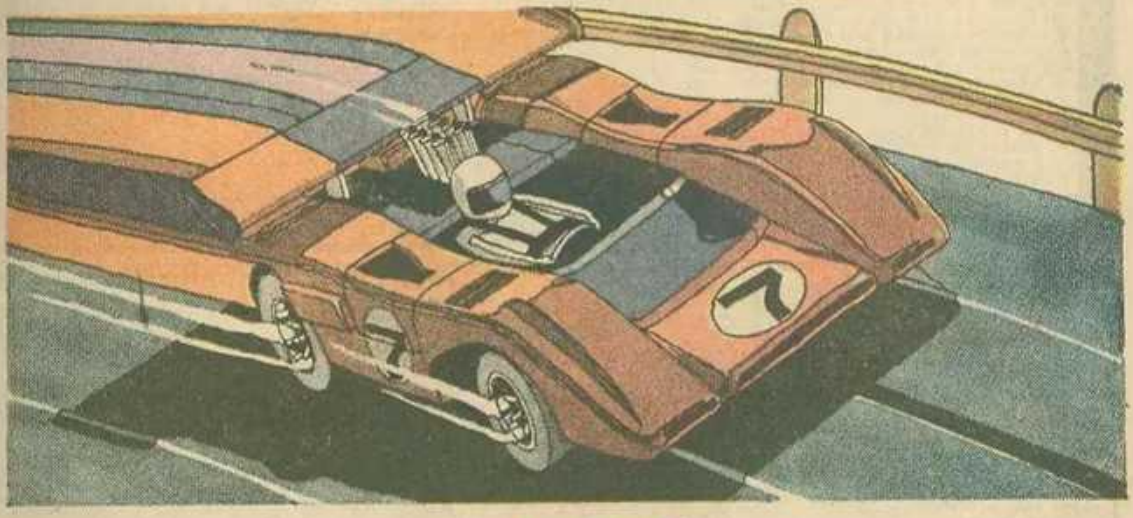

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BUT BY THAT TIME I'LL MAKE SURE KANDOR IS WELL HIDDEN!
AS SHE SOARS OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH HER TEN MILLION KIDNAP VICTIMS...
WHAT'S THIS? I'VE COME ACROSS A GETAWAY IN PROGRESS... A POLICE CAR IN HOT PURSUIT OF CRIMINALS ON THE RUN!
I OUGHT TO PUT THE BOTTLE DOWN FOR A MOMENT AND HELP!
AND "HELP" SHE DOES -- BUT NOT QUITE HOW ONE MIGHT EXPECT OF LOIS...
HEYY! WE'RE TAKIN' OFF LIKE WE GOT WINGS!
WOW--!
POLICE
WE'RE SPINNING AROUND AT SUPER-SPEED!
I'M GETTIN' AIRSICK!
IT'S LIKE WE'RE CAUGHT IN A TORNADO...
A HAZY MOMENT LATER, SUPER-LOIS GROUNDS THE SQUAD CAR ONCE MORE...
ALL OF A SUDDEN... WE'RE BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN!
STEP ON IT! THE CROOKS ARE STILL IN SIGHT!
THUDD-!

CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT... EVERYTHING WHIRLING AROUND...!
HA! HA! I KNEW MY SUPER-SPIN WOULD LEAVE THE POLICE SO DIZZY THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY ON THE ROAD!

NOW THOSE CROOKS WILL MAKE A CLEAN GET-AWAY WITHOUT "POLICE INTERFERENCE!"
I HATE TO SEE ANY OF MY FELLOW CRIMINALS GET CAUGHT!
SPLASH

HOW CAN THIS BE THE LOIS WE KNOW, YOU ASK? HOW COULD SHE EVER BRING HERSELF TO PLOT AGAINST SUPERMAN--STEAL HIS MOST PRIZED POSSESSION --AND CHEER FOR CROOKS?

THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE--THIS IS NOT THE LOIS WE KNOW!

THE REAL LOIS HAS BEEN IN PLAIN VIEW ALL ALONG--THOUGH FAR TOO SMALL FOR THE NAKED EYE TO SEE...
NOW I REALIZE THE PURPOSE OF THE ENERGY-BEAM THAT SHOT OUT OF THE BOTTLE AT ME... BUT TOO LATE!

IT WAS A TELEPORTATION RAY... A RAY THAT INSTANTLY SHRUNK ME AND BEAMED ME INTO THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR!
KANDORIAN PENAL COMPLEX
INTO THIS PRISON...

AND THE WORST OF IT IS--NO ONE BELIEVES THAT I'M REALLY LOIS LANE SNATCHED FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
THE GUARDS INSIST I'M LURA-UX--KANDOR'S MOST INFAMOUS FEMALE CRIMINAL!
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
BUT THEN--
FALL IN, PRISONERS--AND MARCH FORWARD!
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYONE THINKS I'M LURA-UX--
--NOW THAT I'VE SEEN SOME OF MY FELLOW CONVICTS--
ALL THE CONVICTS IN THIS WING ARE EXACT DOUBLES OF PEOPLE ON EARTH-OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS--SUPERMAN, JIMMY OLSEN, PERRY WHITE AND LANA LANG!
THAT MUST MEAN... LURA-UX IS A DOUBLE OF ME! NO WONDER NOBODY WILL LISTEN TO MY PLEAS!
I-I'M THE VICTIM OF A DIABOLICAL FRAME-UP--AND I'LL HAVE TO SERVE OUT THE SENTENCE OF THIS WICKED WOMAN... NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS IT TAKES!
THERE'S JUST NO WAY OUT!

PART II
AND IN THE MEANTIME, OUTSIDE METROPOLIS--ONLOOKERS WITNESS A DISPLAY OF SUPER-WRATH!
IF LOIS LANE HAS HARMED EVEN ONE OF THOSE MICROSCOPIC KANDORIANS --I'LL--!
CRASH
AL'S JUNK
WHEW! WHEN I ASKED SUPERMAN TO COMPACT SOME OF OUR EXCESS JUNK... I DIDN'T KNOW HE'D BE SO ANGRY ABOUT IT!
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S TROUBLING HIM--REAL BAD!
A SEARING BLAST OF WELDING HEAT-VISION FOLLOWS...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND HER ALONE! NO, I'M GOING TO NEED HELP--AND I KNOW JUST WHERE TO GET IT--
FROM THE CITIZENS OF METROPOLIS!
AFTER I TELL THEM OF LOIS LANE'S THEFT--THEY'LL ALL BE OUT HUNTING FOR HER, TOO!
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"AND THIS TERRIBLE DEED LOIS LANE HAS DONE AMAZES ME AS MUCH AS IT DOES YOU!

BUT SHE MUST BE FOUND-- AND PUNISHED FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE!
LOIS LANE WANTED FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE!
THE LIFE OF AN ENTIRE CITY IS AT STAKE!

I HOPE ALL OF YOU OUT THERE WILL HELP ME FIND LOIS LANE!
GOLLY, DAD... I THOUGHT LOIS LANE WAS A SPECIAL FRIEND OF SUPERMAN'S?
HE HAS TO DO HIS DUTY!

AND IN THE TINY BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR, THE REAL LOIS HAS ALSO BEEN BRANDED A BETRAYER--BECAUSE EVERYONE STILL BELIEVES HER TO BE THE VILLAINOUS LURA-UX...
ATTENTION, PRISONERS! YOUR EXERCISE PERIOD WILL BE OVER IN FIVE MINUTES!
:SIGH: EVERY MINUTE SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME!

'PSSST... COME OVER HERE! YES--YOU!
HUH? IT'S THE CONVICT WHO'S A SUPERMAN LOOK-ALIKE... MOTIONING FOR ME TO JOIN HIM!

I TOOK A GUN FROM ANOTHER PRISONER WHO WAS PLANNING TO MAKE A PRISON BREAK!
INSTEAD, YOU AND I WILL SKIP THIS PLACE TOGETHER!
WHY DO YOU NEED ME?
I KNOW YOUR REP, LURA-UX! ANY FEMALE WITH YOUR DEVIOUS BRAIN COULD BE A BIG BOOST TO MY CRIME-CAPERS! ONCE WE'RE ON THE OUTSIDE, WE'LL RAID KANDOR AS A TEAM!
I'LL...ER... HAVE TO THINK IT OVER!
DON'T THINK TOO LONG, LURA! I'M MAKING MY GETAWAY TONIGHT --WITH OR WITHOUT YOU!
WHAT A FIX! IF I BREAK OUT WITH HIM, I'LL BE AIDING A CRIMINAL...AND I'LL BECOME AN ESCAPED CONVICT!
BUT IF I DON'T, I'LL BE FOREVER STRANDED BEHIND THESE ENERGI-BARS!
THE BLACKNESS OF ARTIFICIAL NIGHT SOON BLANKETS THE BOTTLE-CITY, BUT THE CALM OVER THE PRISON-COMPLEX IS ABOUT TO BE BROKEN...
I'M GLAD YOU SAW THINGS MY WAY, LURA! YOU'RE THE ONLY OTHER CONVICT AS RUTHLESS AS I AM!
KANDORIAN PENAL COMPLEX
MAYBE SO-- BUT HOW DID YOU ESCAPE YOUR CELL?
SIMPLE--THE SAME WAY I'M BUSTIN' YOU OUT-- WITH MY RETRO-RIFLE! IT'S NEUTRALIZING THE ENERGI-BARS!
ZZZZZ
ITS INVENTOR WAS A CONVICT WHO WORKED IN THE COSMO MACHINE SHOP! THE GUY STOLE SPARE PARTS TO ASSEMBLE IT!
SUPER!

AND THE RETRO-RIFLE HAS MANY USES!
UH OH! I HEAR FOOTSTEPS COMING THIS WAY!
FOR EXAMPLE-- IT HAS A STUN-BLAST SETTING!
ZZZTTT
I'LL SAY IT DOES! BOTH THOSE GUARDS WERE KNOCKED OFF THEIR FEET-- UNCONSCIOUS!
AND ANOTHER SETTING WILL PULVERIZE THAT WALL TO THE OUTSIDE!
THE RIFLE HAS ALREADY BEGUN ITS WORK!
BUT...I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I DON'T SEE ANY-THING HAPPENING!
AND THEN-- WITHOUT WARNING...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN'T "SEE" SOUND! THE RIFLE EMITTED SHARP HYPER-SONIC VIBRATIONS THAT LITERALLY SHOOK THE WALL APART!
CRUMBBLL

QUICK--GET BEHIND ME AND PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME TIGHT!
W-WHATEVER YOU SAY!
HE'S SO FORCEFUL,,, SO SURE OF HIMSELF! HE REMINDS ME A LOT OF THE REAL SUPERMAN!
IF ONLY THIS ONE WEREN'T A CROOK!
GOOD GRIEF! WE'RE TAKING OFF!
LOOK--A SKY-POSSE! OUR ESCAPE MUST'VE TRIGGERED SOME SORT OF ALARM!
HOLD ON TIGHT--AND PREPARE FOR EVASIVE ACTION!
THANKS TO THE RIFLE! IT'S FIRING A POWERFUL RETRO-ROCKET BOOST THAT'S PROPELLING US UPWARD THROUGH THE AIR!
VAROOMM
AT ONCE, THE KANDORIAN-SUPERMAN LOOK-ALIKE PUTS ON AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF AERIAL MANEUVERS,,,
IT'S UNCANNY! MY ACCOMPLICE IS JETTING US AROUND SO WELL,,, IT'S LIKE HE'S BEEN FLYING ALL HIS LIFE!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NOBODY IN KANDOR CAN HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS!
ACCELERATING STILL FASTER, THE FLEEING PAIR SOON REACHES THE GIANT GLASS WALL OF THE CITY-WIDE BOTTLE,,,
AT THIS HIGH ALTITUDE, KANDOR'S ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY IS SO LIGHT, WE CAN FLOAT WHILE I USE THE RIFLE AS A BLOW-TORCH!
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HURRY--THOSE GUARDS ARE ZOOMING UP--FAST!
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--WE'LL HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE SUPERMAN!
SO I'M USING HEAT-VISION AND SUPER-FRICTION TO MELT THE GLASS AND SEAL UP THE HOLE!
HISSSS
UH, OH! NOW THE CROOK WILL KNOW I'M NOT THE REAL LURA-UX! I DON'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS-- BECAUSE I'M NOT A MEMBER OF SUPERMAN'S RACE LIKE THEY ARE!

WHAT'S WITH YOU, LURA?
NO NEED TO CLING TO ME NOW--YOU CAN FLY UNDER YOUR OWN POWER LIKE ME--NOW THAT WE'RE IN EARTH'S GRAVITY!

GREAT KRYPTON! YOU CAN'T BE LURA-UX!
YOU MUST BE THE REAL LOIS LANE!
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WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SUPER-CONVICT!
I COULDN'T BE SURE YOU WERE THE REAL LOIS UNTIL WE GOT OUTSIDE THE BOTTLE-CITY!
THIS IS FANTASTIC! I THOUGHT YOU HAD BROUGHT ME TO THE FORTRESS FOR MY ARTICLE...BUT IT WAS REALLY THE SUPERMAN-DOUBLE I WAS WITH!
YOU GUESSED IT! I WAS SHRUNKEN AND EXCHANGED IN THE BOTTLE EVEN BEFORE YOU WERE!
AS FOR MY DOUBLE...
...I LEARNED FROM THE KANDORIAN CONVICTS HE'S A MENTAL CASE! A DERANGED LUNATIC WHO ACTUALLY BELIEVES HE IS ME!
BUT HOW DID HE DO IT? HOW DID HE AND LURA-UX SWITCH PLACES WITH US AND ENLARGE THEMSELVES?
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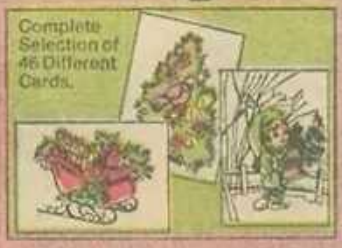


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## METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS

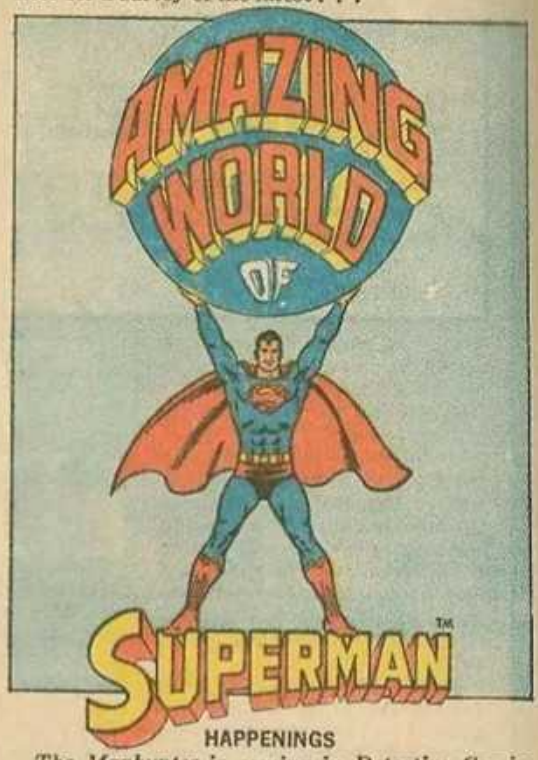
Even people who have never read an issue of *Superman*, or *Action Comics*, or *any* comics magazine know that Metropolis is the name of the city where the Man of Steel lives. The *Superman* legend has been immortalized in a television series, cartoon shows, movies, and magazines from *Time* to *Gentleman's Quarterly*. So when the quiet midwestern town of Metropolis, Illinois announced last year that it was adopting its most famous citizen as the trademark of a new recreation center, the only thing that surprised me was that they hadn't thought of it sooner!

*"The Amazing World Of Superman"* is going to be a very special place when it's completed in a few years. Plans call for a *Superman Museum*, an amusement park (does anyone out there remember a story entitled "Superman In Superman Land" from the nineteen-fifties? Dreams sometimes come true!), and a fantasy world all wrapped into one. On Memorial Day this year it all began with the opening of the new *Superman Exhibition Center*, the cornerstone of the entire operation.

As you walk though the center, you'll pass a gigantic 25 foot long mural of *Superman*, the largest in the world. After you've been greeted by that awesome sight, you can tour the various exhibits and learn how a Comic Magazine is Created (from the original editorial conference in the DC offices to the vast four-color printing plant in Sparta, Illinois), view over a million dollars worth of original comic art—from the days of the Golden Age to today's blockbuster issues, visit the world's largest collection of *Superman* memorabilia, compete in the *Junior Superman Olympics* (a special event just for you junior athletes!), join the brand-new *Supermen of Metropolis Club*, watch a *Superman* movie, see the model of *Superman's* home and meet the Man of Steel himself! It's a terrific time for the whole family for only $1.75 per adult and $1.25 per child, so be sure to make plans to visit there this summer. You can make the price even lower by bringing a cover of any new comic with *Superman* on it! That'll lower the price 25c any time . . . even weekends and holidays!

To celebrate the opening of the Center the people of Metropolis have produced a very special magazine entitled "The Amazing World of Superman—Metropolis Edition" for their visitors. It is only available at the center or by mail from them. Its 64 oversized pages are packed with fun and excitement—the origin of *Superman* (a new version by Swan and Anderson, not the one that was reprinted in *Secret Origins* #1), a poster map of Krypton, newspaper comic strips (from the forties), stories, and articles on the many mediums that *Superman* has appeared in. If you don't think that you can get to Metropolis to pick it up, send $2.00 plus 40c to cover postage and handling to: Metropolis Recreation, Inc., Post Office Box 809, Metropolis, Illinois 62960, and it'll be delivered to your doorstep by super-mail.

There's going to be a lot happening in Metropolis, so watch this column for more details. Meanwhile, let's go back to the city of New York and the *DC* offices for a survey of the latest . . .




## HAPPENINGS

*The Manhunter* is coming in *Detective Comics* this summer, just as I promised in *Behind The Scenes* #3, and editor/writer Archie Goodwin has picked an artist for the strip at long last. The lucky gent is one Walt Simonson, a new artist whose work is also going to be appearing in *Sword of Sorcery*.

To top it all off, the ghostly guardian is returning to the pages of *Adventure Comics*. No, not *Deadman* . . . *The Spectre!* Editor Joe Orlando enjoyed re-reading his origin so much in *Secret Origins* #5 that he's launching a *Spectre* series in *Adventure* #431. *Black Orchid* fans shouldn't go into mourning though, as her series will continue to appear in every issue.

*Behind The Scenes* #1 wasn't on the stands for a week before the letters started to pour in. I promise to answer all the questions that I can next time, and meanwhile I expect to see you all at the New York Comic Art Convention this upcoming July Fourth! Till then, keep reading!

THAT'S A PUZZLE WE STILL MUST SOLVE! BUT IN THE MEANTIME, AT LEAST WE CAN FIND OUT EXACTLY WHERE YOUR DOUBLE, LURA-UX, HAS HIDDEN KANDOR!
GOSH! LOOK HOW BIG THE BOTTLE IS! I FORGOT HOW TINY WE STILL ARE!
NEXT MOMENT, AFTER THE MICROSCOPIC MAN OF MIGHT HAS BURST THROUGH A LAYER OF SOLID POLISHED MARBLE...
HOW DIABOLIC! YOUR WICKED LOOK-ALIKE STASHED THE BOTTLE-CITY INSIDE THIS TOMBSTONE!
HERE LIE JONATHAN and MARTHA KENT
CLEVER INDEED! IT'S THE LAST PLACE YOUR SUPERMAN-DOUBLE WOULD THINK OF LOOKING FOR KANDOR!
SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, SUPERMAN? HOW WILL WE EVER REGAIN OUR NORMAL SIZES--AND OUR RIGHTFUL PLACES ON EARTH?
BY STAYING RIGHT HERE! MY INSTINCTS TELL ME THE CRUCIAL AND FINAL BATTLE OF THIS CONSPIRACY WILL BE OVER. KANDOR!
A WHILE LATER, AT TV NEWSMAN CLARK KENT'S OFFICE IN THE GALAXY BUILDING...
...AND I SAW SUPERMAN ON TV ASKING ANYONE TO REPORT IF HE SAW LOIS LANE! AND SINCE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A FRIEND OF HERS- I CAME TO YOU!
YOU SAW LOIS LANE?
SURE DID! I'M THE DIRECTOR OF METRO-CEMETERY... AND I SAW HER LEAVING THE PREMISES JUST THE OTHER DAY!
AND THE FUNNY THING WAS--SHE WAS FLYING! I DIDN'T KNOW LOIS LANE HAD SUPER-POWERS!
ER...THANK YOU VERY MUCH! YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP, SIR!
MY PLEASURE!

ONCE ALONE, THE KANDORIAN WHO THINKS HE'S SUPERMAN QUICKLY CHANGES GARB...
BLAST! IF THAT MAN SAW LOIS LANE FLY-- IT MUST MEAN SHE'S REALLY LURA-UX! I GUESS SHE ESCAPED FROM KANDOR THE SAME WAY I DID... AND SUBSTITUTED THE REAL LOIS LANE IN HER PLACE!
I MUST GET THE BOTTLE-CITY BACK FROM HER!
THE METRO-CEMETERY IS WHERE MA AND PA KENT ARE LAID TO REST!
AND IF I KNOW LURA, SHE'S RUTHLESS ENOUGH TO USE IT FOR HER SCHEMING!
GREAT KRYPTON!
MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS MY PARENTS' MONUMENT WAS HOLLOWED-OUT... AND THE BOTTLE WAS THERE! BUT NOW IT'S GONE!
DID LURA-UX REMOVE IT?
THE ANSWER TO THAT IS A RESOUNDING NO-- AS THE CUNNING VILLAINESS RESPONDS TO A HYPER-SONIC ALARM...
TROUBLE! I EQUIPPED THE KENT TOMBSTONE WITH AN INVISIBLE WARNING SYSTEM THAT LETS ME KNOW IF THE BOTTLE-CITY IS TAMPERED WITH!
SOMEONE'S UNCOVERED MY HIDING PLACE!
SO-DAZOR! YOU'VE DISCOVERED WHERE I CONCEALED KANDOR!
WHAT'VE YOU DONE WITH IT?
I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION, LURA!

THUDD-!
DON'T GET ME ANGRY, DAZOR!
THIS BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH IS JUST A SMALL HINT OF WHAT I CAN DO TO YOU!
YOU MAY LOOK LIKE A LADY, LURA-- BUT YOU CERTAINLY DON'T FIGHT LIKE ONE!
SO UNTIL YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU'VE HIDDEN KANDOR--
--ANYTHING GOES! I'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO MAKE YOU CONFESS!
THUDD-!
AND, OBSERVING THE SPECTACULAR COMBAT FROM A NEARBY SUMMIT...
WHEW! SUPERMAN WAS RIGHT-- BY REMOVING KANDOR WITH HIS SUPER-STRENGTH, HE'S MADE EACH OF OUR DOUBLES SUSPECT THE OTHER OF STEALING IT FROM THE TOMBSTONE!
THEY'RE BATTLING HOT AND HEAVY NOW!

IF ONLY THEY KEEP FIGHTING LONG ENOUGH FOR SUPERMAN TO RETURN AND TRY OUT HIS PLAN! IT'S THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE OF DEFEATING THEM!
SUPERMAN!--YOU FLEW TO THE FORTRESS AND BROUGHT BACK THE MICRO WAVE BEAMER! THE ONLY DEVICE THAT CAN RETURN US TO NORMAL!
BUT THERE ARE ONLY TWO CHARGES LEFT! ONE TO ENLARGE US-- AND ONE TO SHRINK OUR DOUBLES TO MINIATURE SIZE!
QUICKLY, DESPERATE STRATEGY IS PLANNED...
"...SO YOU REALIZE WHY WE HAVE TO LURE THEM TOGETHER SO I CAN SHRINK BOTH OUR FOES WITH A SINGLE BEAM!
IT'S A RISKY WAY TO PLAY IT!
BUT THE ONLY WAY WE'VE GOT! I'M WILLING, SUPERMAN!
NEXT MOMENT, THE MINI-MAN OF MIGHT GRASPS THE GIRL HE LOVES AND HURLS HER LIKE A HUMAN ARROW!
KEEP COOL, LOIS! YOU'VE JUST GONE AIRBORNE!
WHIIIISH!
MEANTIME...
BLAST! I ALMOST COOKED YOU WITH A BLAST OF HEAT-VISION!
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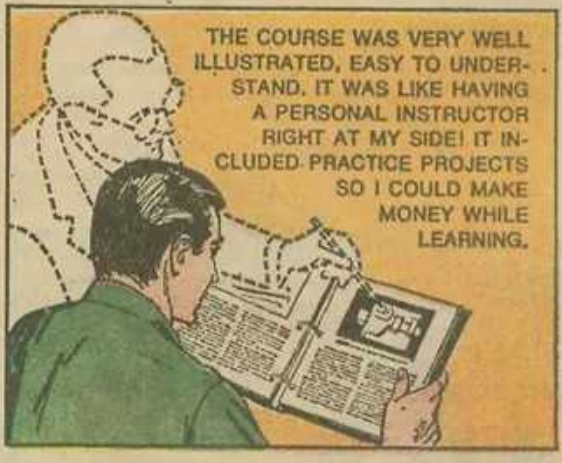
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I'LL BET SHE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO KANDOR!
GOT YOU!
YOU'D BETTER TALK FAST!
OH NO, YOU DON'T, DAZOR! IF MY PINT-SIZED LOOK-ALIKE KNOWS WHERE KANDOR IS--SHE'S TELLING ME!
LET GO, LURA! SHE'S MINE!
NO! MINE!
UHHH... ANOTHER SECOND AND THEY'LL PULL ME APART!
SUPERMAN! SUPERMAN!
AN INSTANT LATER, LURA AND DAZOR ARE BATHED IN A SINGLE RAY-BEAM...
OH, NO! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!
WE'RE BOTH CAUGHT IN THE MICRO-WAVE BEAM!

JUST AS WE PLANNED... USING LOIS AS BAIT BROUGHT OUR EVIL DOUBLES TOGETHER...
CLOSE ENOUGH FOR ONE BEAM TO STRIKE THEM!
AN EYEBLINK LATER, THE STARTLING RESULTS...
WHEW! NOW LURA AND DAZOR ARE SHRUNK TO THEIR ORIGINAL MICROSCOPIC SIZE!
AND JUST IN TIME, TOO! THEIR TUGGING ALMOST GAVE ME A SPLIT PERSONALITY!
YOU BUNGLER! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
YOUR MEDDLING DID US BOTH IN!
C'MON, LOIS!
THOSE TWO ARE SO ENRAGED, THEY WON'T NOTICE US USING THE MICRO-WAVE BEAMER TO REGAIN OUR NORMAL SIZE!
AS SOON AS THE DEVICE'S LAST CHARGE HAS DONE ITS WORK ON THE FUGITIVES—
GOT THEM! I WON'T LET GO OF THESE TINY TROUBLE-MAKERS UNTIL I SAFELY DROP THEM BACK INTO KANDOR'S PRISON-COMPLEX!
WHAT A RELIEF TO BE NORMAL SIZE AGAIN!
LATER, AFTER THE ACTION ACE RETURNS THE BOTTLE-CITY TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE FORTRESS...
...AND THE KANDORIAN WARDEN TOLD ME LURA AND DAZOR ARE BROTHER AND SISTER! BOTH WERE BORN WITH FANTASTIC BRAIN POWERS--SORT OF SUPER-E.S.P.!
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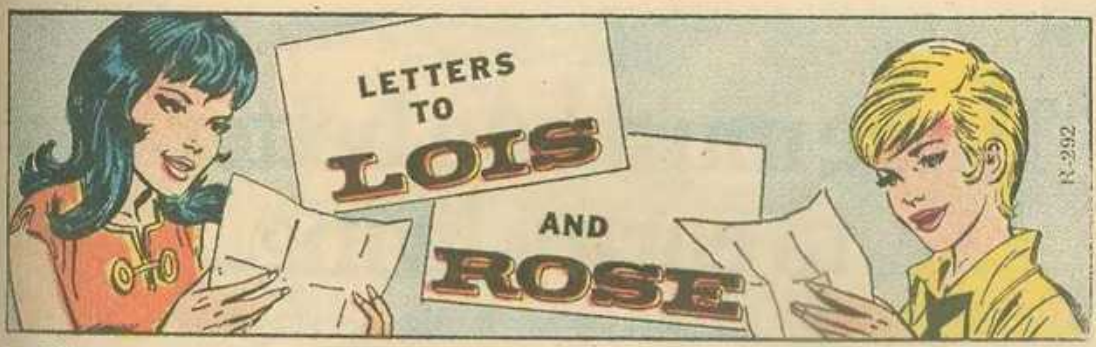


Dear Editor:

LOIS LANE #126 was the first Lois I've read in several months, and it was quite a change from the LOIS LANE that I used to read. Lois sharing an apartment seems a good idea, but try not to work her roommates into the storyline too often. As for the name "Marsha Mallow," . . . Tell her to stay out of the sun, or with a name like that she might melt!

The story was good, but the idea of post-hypnotic suggestion was also used in a recent issue of Superboy.

Although the Lois story was good, I almost cannot say the same for the Thorn adventures. Any pro-women's lib. readers would probably think the world of the tale, but I thought there was too much empl asis on women's liberation, and not enough on the storyline.

This letter will probably seem a little out of date, but that is because the D.C. comics we get here are a few months older than your current issues. Despite this, I remain your friendly, eager fan from Yateshead!

Robert Permain, Yateshead, England

*Dear Robert:*

*After your letter managed to reach us from halfway across the world, we figured . . . What's a couple of issues between continents? Besides, praise is never outdated. So here you are in print.*

*As far as Marsha Mallow is concerned . . . I'm sure she'd LIKE to melt a few pounds off as easily as you seem to think she can. Thanks for your idea. However, if she gets a sunstroke, we'll blame it all on you!*

*Sorry you can't appreciate the Thorn's second most important motivation. After tracking down The Hundred, her most important concern is maintaining the rights of others. Women's Lib., to the people who believe in it, falls into this category . . . The Thorn apparently believes in the issues involved. To hold her back from acting in this belief would be to detract from the character's reality and sense of purpose. Besides . . . What would Thorn do for a change of pace?*

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Dear Editor:

LOIS LANE #128 was pretty good, but it gets to be the same old stuff; Lois always wants to marry Superman, but never does because she might get killed by Superman's enemies. The problem is simple; so is the solution. Why doesn't Superman tell Lois he's really Clark Kent, and then wed her as Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kent? That way, Superman's enemies couldn't hurt her unless they knew his secret identity! Think about it!

Larry Marx, Champaign, Illinois

*Dear Larry:*

*We don't have to think about it, because we already DID such a story. It was way back in LOIS LANE #19 (August, 1960). It was Superman himself who thought of the solution of marrying Lois in his Clark Kent identity. Fortunately it was an IMAGINARY tale, as there were numerous problems. For instance: Lois was constantly under pressure because she wanted to tell the world she was married to Superman. This almost led to problems in her relationship with Clark. More important, to the world at large, Superman was still single, and was therefore still chased by Lana (who ran much faster once Lois married Clark) and every beautiful woman who happened to cross Superman's path. Naturally, Lois and Superman couldn't reveal the truth of the matter. The result? Super jealousy from Lois; Super frustration from Superman! Do you really wish all that on Superman and Lois?*

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Dear Editor:

As I see it, #130 was your best issue in quite a while. Despite its psychological fantasy theme, "The Mental Murder" was basically a good adventure story. Elements of mystery, science-fiction and characterization can all contribute to such tales, and they did in this case.

I also prefer stories like this one, which center on Lois as the lead character. After all, it IS her magazine. I hope you'll continue to steer clear of tales which are actually Superman adventures with Lois along for the ride.

The Thorn is definitely a unique and intriguing character. Her stories usually produce ample action, and I'm glad to see you're minimizing her use of gimmicks, although it seems that you will never eliminate them completely.

Albert Tanner, Baltimore, Maryland

*Dear Albert:*

*We NEVER have stories in which Lois is only around "for the ride." Superman is a super-magnetic character, super-powerful in all respects. Therefore at times it may SEEM as if Lois is playing second fiddle to the Man of Steel, but this illusion is due to the fact that she does not wear a colorful costume and cape, and go flying around. So look at the bright colors on Superman's costume a little less, and start paying attention to the actual role of Lois in the stories in question.*

*The Thorn is one young woman alone against one of the most numerous and powerful criminal organizations ever to crawl out of the woodwork. The only reason her task is not impossible is because of her grim determination to see the Hundred come to an end. So can you blame her if she sometimes uses weapons to aid her? These "gimmicks," as you refer to them, have undoubtedly helped save her life on numerous occasions. To depict her fighting completely without weapons WOULD be unrealistic . . . as unrealistic as the patrolman on the beat without his club, gun, walkie-talkie, riot-helmet, etc.*

*Allan Asherman*
*Editorial Assistant*

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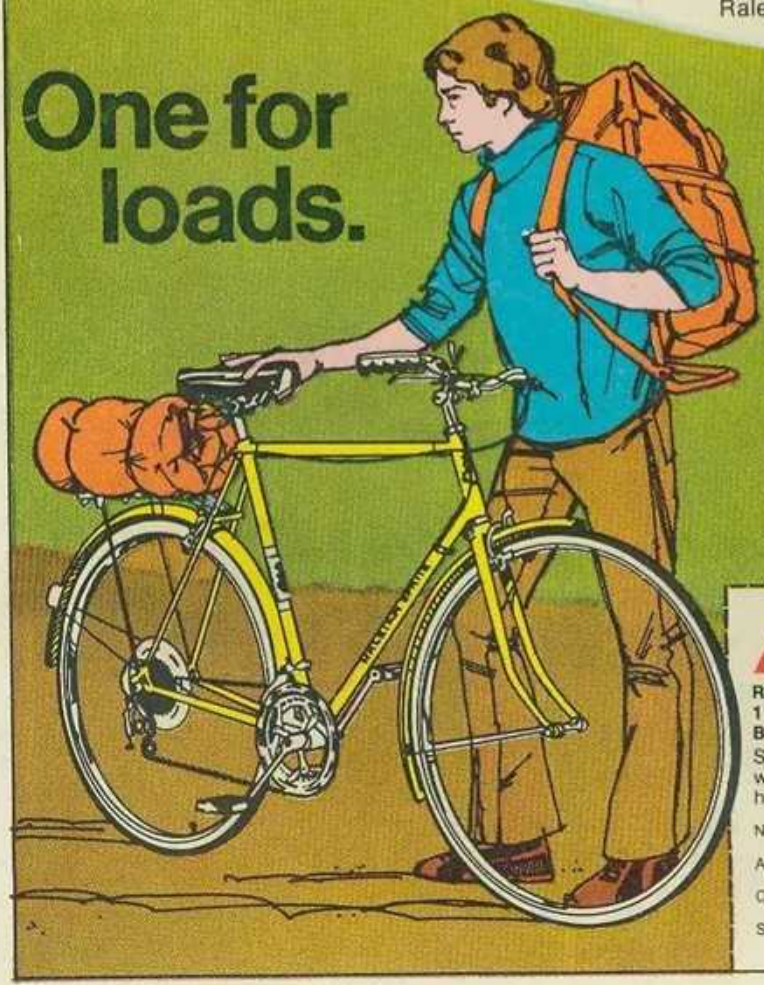

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